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SHARP TORY CHALLENGE ON THE BUDGET

Intend Forcing Vote Of Confidence

London, Apr. 20. — Challenge upon challenge faced Britain's Labour Government today as political opponents, Labour and private enterprise combined in a multiple barrelled attack on wages and finances.

Conservative Party spokesmen in London tonight announced the Party's intention of bringing the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps' budget under fire.

Liberal Party criticism of the new Budget proposals voiced in Parliament tonight by the Liberal Party leader, Mr Clement Davies, indicated that Labour may expect a Liberal-Conservative voting coalition when Sir Stafford's financial proposals come to the test in the House next week.

The first post-budget political test for the Government was expected tomorrow. The Conservatives announced tonight that they would ask Mr Herbert Morrison, Labour Leader of the House of Commons, for an assurance that during the debate on Purchase (Sales) taxes they would be able to question individual purchase special tax items.

Normally only general categories are debated.

MACASSAR RE-OCCUPIED

Djakarta, Apr. 20. — The first truck-loads of Indonesian Nationalist troops from Java drove victoriously into Macassar today following the rebel capitulation there yesterday.

The Indonesian troops were members of the Rudi Warang Battalion which arrived in ships off Macassar 12 days ago but were prevented from landing by Captain Abdul Aziz' rebels who had taken over military command of the East Indonesian capital.

Most of the troops who landed in the South Celebes yesterday were due to arrive at Macassar today. — Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Hongkong Labour Problems

SHARP criticism of Hongkong by a Labour member of the House of Commons, alleging undue delay in introducing a workmen's compensation ordinance, was not, of course, particularly sound in basis. The intention was good, doubtless from an administrative angle there has been delay in drafting a relatively simple Bill, but the manner of Mr Woodrow Wyatt's approach strongly suggested complete lack of knowledge of certain relevant facts. Most pertinent of these is simple. Thousands of workmen in the Colony would not be affected or assisted by the passage of an Ordinance, not because they would not come within its purview, but because already adequate compensation arrangements have been voluntarily made. Most of the biggest firms, notably those under European management and control, the utilities, employers of labour on an appreciable scale, are already operating schemes providing for quite handsome benefits to workmen who may suffer serious injury during the course of their employment. The process does not involve heavy expenditure, real or potential, as compensation liabilities are covered by insurance policies. For this reason alone, however, Government should be stimulated to speedier action in the attempt to make the system all-embracing as far as this can be enforced. It is not an easy matter, but a large number of persons would have their lot improved, from a protection angle, and these are days when, in civilised communities, few employers require pressing to make proper arrangements. The local Ordinance which it seems has been promised introduction before the end of the year is perhaps necessary as numerous smaller-type employers lack education regarding the nature of their obligations.

Explanation of reference in the Commons to the difficulties and immaturity on trade unionism in the Colony is not quite so obvious. Between unions and workmen's compensation acts there is no direct connection. An injured man is entitled to financial gratuity whether or not he is an accredited member of a guild or union. It can only be supposed that the outspoken challenge to the Colonial Office included a demand for consultation with union leaders. That, however, is fully covered by submission of the draft bill to the Labour Advisory Board, two of the members of which represent the unions. Coincidentally, another event concerning the labouring classes, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, exposed what is meant by the immaturity of local unions. Two ratin workers were given smart sentences for savagely wounding a non-union worker who apparently refused to join their organisation and was probably accepting cut rates of pay. The grave view of the incident taken by the Police Judge must be fully endorsed, and it is to be hoped that the heavy gaol terms and corporal punishment will be noted by all workers inclined to take the law into their own hands, as a warning not to be misconstrued. Repetition of such a violent assault with lethal weapons would justify severer punishment. Hongkong cannot countenance tactics of that kind, and the law's task is to stop them, by strict example, before they develop into a habit. Since the war, the Colony has done much to better conditions for workmen. The Labour Commissioner's department has striven to cultivate better relations between employers and employed, and is deeply concerned with the compensation scheme. Violence is not the retort.

The New Glamour Girl



Hollywood's latest export to England is Ava Gardner, former wife of Mickey Rooney. She is to star in two British films. Ava has all the essentials as this picture in a London hotel reveals. (Central Press photo).

Just Whetting The Appetite

Hamburg, Apr. 20. — For the first time since the war Germans were allowed to fly in a balloon at Hamburg yesterday.

But they were not allowed to rise very far. A British order landed on a strong iron rope which kept the balloon at within 50 feet of the ground.

The "flight" was made in the making of a film. In it the crew have to fall into the Elbe from the balloon, but that scene will be shot in the studio—the Elbe is still too cold for actors to jump into it. — Reuter.

Bevin And Acheson To Discuss Japan Peace Treaty

Washington, Apr. 20. — Informed quarters said today that the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, would discuss the subject of the Japanese peace treaty during their talks in London prior to the opening of the conference of the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers on May 15.

It was expected that the treaty would also be one of the points on the agenda when the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, joined Mr Bevin and Mr Acheson.

These three officials agreed in Washington last September that the holding of the Japanese peace conference was an urgent matter. However, since that time little if any progress has been made.

Officials here view the Bevin-Acheson talks on the treaty as of the utmost importance. Since they believe some sort of U.S.-Commonwealth agreement on procedure and terms must precede any progress.

State Department officials are in the process of preparing for Mr Acheson a summary of the United States position as it has been worked out so far. On the British side, Mr Bevin will have a brief resulting from the deliberations of representatives of Commonwealth nations who will meet in London on May 1 to exchange the views of their governments on the subject of the Japanese treaty.

WARNING
However, Commonwealth representatives here and American officials warned against expecting any dramatic new approach to the question from the London sessions of the Big Three. They said on neither the Commonwealth nor on the American side was the position sufficiently well-defined to permit of any decision at this time other than reaffirmation of the mutual desire for an early treaty.

United States officials will not be able to provide either the Commonwealth treaty meeting or Mr Bevin with any definite draft treaty proposal since inter-department agreement on terms still has not been reached here.

DIFFERENCES
On the other hand, there is certain to be some disparity in the views of the Commonwealth nations concerning certain aspects of the treaty. The Indian

Scots T.U.C. Supports Wage Freeze

Glasgow, Apr. 20. — The Scottish Trades Union Congress, meeting at Rothsay, today decided by a small majority to continue support for the Government's wage-freezing policy. But immediately afterwards the annual conference decided by a large majority to support "legitimate wage claims" and prompt increases for all low paid workers.

Mr Abe Moffat, Communist leader of the Scottish miners, moving the demand for increased wages, said, "We can hold our members no longer". In reply to questions, the General Secretary, Mr George Middleton, claimed that the two decisions were not in conflict, as the demand for increases for lower paid workers did not imply abandonment of the policy of wage restraint. Opponents of the wage freeze were very vocal during the conference and bitterly attacked Sir Stafford Cripps' new austerity budget. — Reuter.

GRIFFITHS TOUR

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 20. — Mr James Griffiths, British Colonial Secretary, will arrive in Malaya at the end of May. Sir Henry Gurney, High Commissioner for Malaya, announced at a meeting of the Legislative Council here today. — Reuter.

Britain's Military Strength In Far East Faces Drastic Cuts

BITTER DEBATE IN COMMONS: DOMINION AID VITAL

London, Apr. 20. — Britain's military strength in South-East Asia faces drastic cuts to enable her to fulfil Western Union commitments unless Commonwealth countries share the Far Eastern burden, authoritative quarters said today.

The Commonwealth Minister, Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, came under fire on this aspect of the British defences when members on both sides of the House of Commons urged the government to ask Australia and New Zealand to help in Malaya.

L. D. Gammans (Conservative) asked Mr Gordon-Walker if he proposed to take any action in view of the Australian and New Zealand expressions of concern over the conduct of the Malayan campaign.

Mr Gordon-Walker said that he could not divulge information about communications passing between Commonwealth governments. Mr Gammans pressed harder and said the government should ask for help and co-operation not only in Malaya, but in the whole defence of the Far East, including Hongkong.

Mr Gordon-Walker heard both Labour and Conservative members charging that British forces at present being employed in Malaya and Hongkong comprised a large part of Britain's contribution to the Western Union.

A Labour member, A. R. Blackburn, said Mr Gordon-Walker should make a statement on the matter from Mr Attlee. Mr Gordon-Walker pointed out that the Commonwealth conference at Sydney next month would give the British and Australian representatives an opportunity to exchange views on the matter.

"This matter can be settled by ordinary meetings between the two governments. A conference would mean great delay."

STRAIN ON BRITAIN

Meanwhile, authorities on Britain's defence commitments said that the maintenance of a full division in Hongkong, another in Malaya, and two divisions in the Middle East, would not permit Britain to supply the minimum of four divisions as her contribution to Western Union defence.

War Office sources said that the maintenance of the present strength in Malaya and Hongkong was causing "serious complications," and that, under the

HUSBAND WAS TOO IMPULSIVE

Paris, Apr. 20. — An Argentine husband made the mistake of confessing his sins to his wife early today when he thought he was about to be killed in an aeroplane crash.

But the plane, an Air France Constellation from Buenos Aires carrying 33 passengers and a crew of eight, made a safe crash landing at Orly Airfield after circling for more than three hours with blocked landing gear.

No one was injured. The Argentine woman, who would not give her name, said her husband thought they were spending their last moments together as the plane circled over the airport in the predawn blackness.

"He asked my forgiveness for a lot of things I never knew he had done during our married life," she said. "He was very angry about it when the plane landed safely."

The plane came in on the back wheels of its tricycle landing gear, which carry the main weight. The front nose over at the end of the run, causing slight damage to the underside. — United Press.

Warwick Deeping Passes

London, Apr. 20. — Warwick Deeping, author, physician and lover of the English countryside, died last night at his Westbridge (Surrey) home, aged 75. Of the many books he wrote, probably the best known was "Furill and Son" — a tender, pathetic story of a proud but poor ex-officer's struggle to give his young son a proper upbringing in the difficult years after the 1914-18 War. — Reuter.

Senator's Charges Of Discrimination

Washington, Apr. 20. — The Senate debate on President Truman's vast anti-Communist Foreign Aid Bill opened today with complaints that some Marshall Plan nations discriminated against American business interests and that Western Europe was too slow in integrating its economy.

The complaints came from Mr Tom Connally (Democratic Senator, Texas), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and a champion of the principles of the Marshall Plan.

At the same time, he appealed for united, non-partisan support for the \$3,372,450,000 aid measure to counter Russian imperialism. He urged Democrats and Republicans to unite in the field of foreign relations to pass the global aid bill.

The Bill would authorize \$3,100,000,000 for European recovery, \$100,000,000 for Korea, about \$100,000,000 for the non-Communist general area of China, \$45,000,000 to give technical help to the world's under-developed areas and \$27,450,000 for Palestine Arab refugees.

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THE chemise dress is not the only slim silhouette we have just now...

One could call this satin striped black gabardine slim as a chemise, but it has been shaped with a discreet flare at one hip, nicely balanced with the single rever of the collar... the entire asymmetry balanced once more by the line of the bone button fastening.

The natural waistline has been preserved... no natural proportion has been distorted, but rather enhanced by manipulation of the fabric which one might call sculpturing of the human column.

IT'S STILL A MAJOR PROBLEM

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THOUGH our knowledge of mental illness has advanced greatly during recent years, it is still one of the greatest problems facing modern medicine.

Shock treatment has, it is true, brought improvement to many who suffer from mental disorders but not all patients respond to this method. Recently, a brain operation, known as lobectomy, has been used in cases where shock treatment failed. Schizophrenia is perhaps the most frequent of all mental disorders. In these cases, best results from the operation are to be expected in patients who still show evidence of drive and whose normal emotional pattern has not been obliterated by the disease. In other words, people who still enjoy periods of normal mental well-being benefit most from lobectomy. These over 45 get no improvement, especially where the symptoms have been present for a long time; hence, it is not performed in the older group of patients.

Further Improvement

Following operation, proper surroundings in the patient's home are important in bringing about further improvement. The operation has also been employed in other types of mental disturbance, such as depression. Poor results have been obtained in the treatment of Parkinson's disease or paralysis agitans.

After operation, there seems to be an immediate improvement in the eventual outcome is a successful one. For about 24 hours after operation, the mental disturbance may seem to be worse, but about 4 or 5 days later, improvement is noted in the favourable cases. The patient tires easily, but this symptom gradually disappears. Technical abilities are not affected by the operation, so that, for example, musicians and painters are able to resume their work within several weeks after the operation. Lack of bowel and bladder control may occur for a period up to 30 days, but this is only temporary.

In 54 patients in whom the operation has been performed in the past two years, none recurred. Good results were obtained in one-fifth of the patients with schizophrenia, and another one-fifth were so improved that they can remain at home doing housework but cannot earn their living. When improvement occurs, it usually takes place within three months. Only two of the patients seem to have been made worse by the operation.

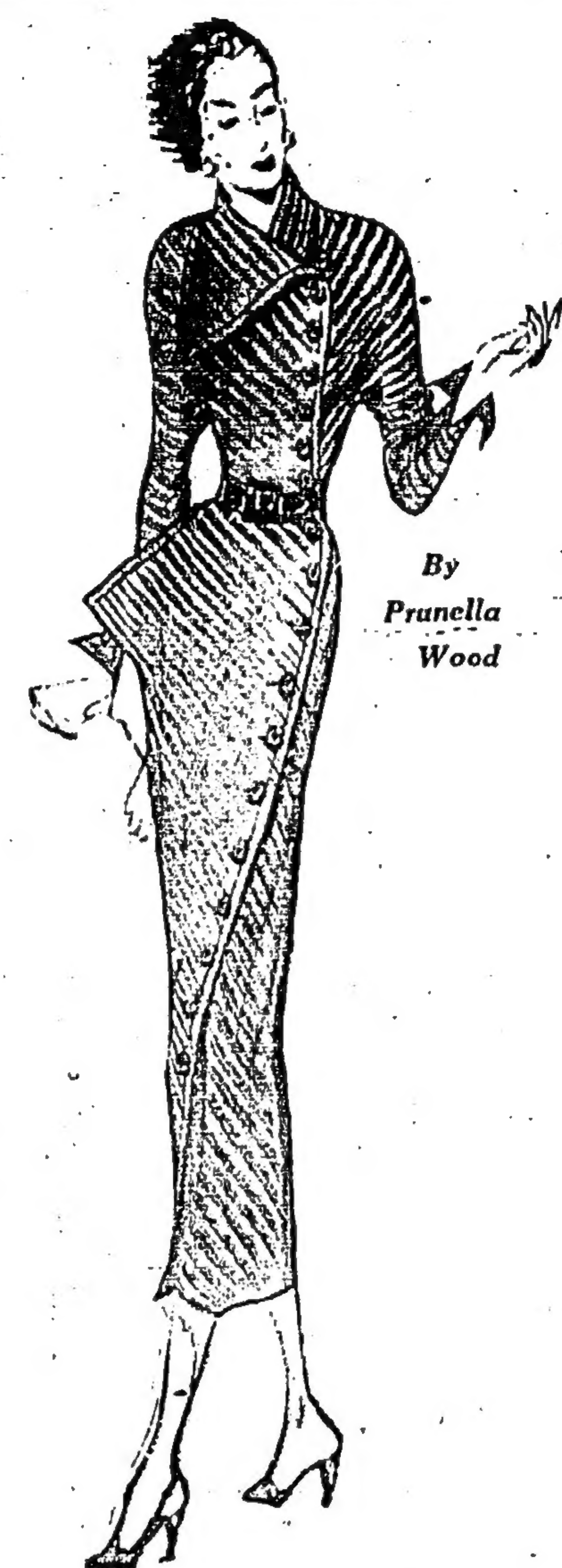
Household Hints

When you buy blankets, always check the nap to be sure it is held firmly in place. To test for durability, pull gently at it; a loose nap pulls out easily. You can tell over-napping by holding the blanket up to the light. If this places show, it has been over-napped, so do not buy it. Beware, too, of the blanket that is woven of different kinds of yarn. Such a blanket often shrinks unevenly when washed, whether at home or at the laundry.

When you press rayon fabrics, always remember to iron with the grain, not the material, to avoid stretching or pulling.

If you want to freeze that extra fish or those extra chops in the icecube compartment of the refrigerator, be sure to wrap them in moisture-proof paper. If you do not have the regular freezer paper, you can use the double wrapping which comes around most bread, or the heavy cellophane bags.

If poisonous insecticides are used in a sprinkling can, the can should be washed thoroughly before it is used to water leafy vegetables or fruits which are to be eaten.



By Prunella Wood

High Styling Of Plastic Patent Leather Belts

PLASTIC patent leather is given a great big play in the fashion field and the belief is that this is going to be successful. Gun-metal patent is singled out as something special for this spring that may surprise everyone by its sudden acceptance.

As to silhouette, contours predominate throughout a New York spring collection in both narrow and wide types. Scalars are used, too, and notched edges.

Some unusual plastic patents are a 2-inch contour buckle and a narrow contour with a double bow in front. Some wide belts are lined with checked taffeta ribbon and are reversible. And another patent uses this checked taffeta ribbon to fill in contour motifs in a contour belt. (This is also done in cape fitted in with Roman striped ribbon.) Mother-of-pearl, real and imitation, provides some attractive buckles for the patent group. Metal fobs are picked for a few.

Novelty Treatment

Novelty treatment is paramount in the capeskin group. One style is a reversible faile and cape (or patent and faile) and when the cape is worn outside the faile forms a piped edge, this in a 1 1/2-inch width.

New looking are belts in a furry rayon fibre fabric. The fabric is used in pastel colours in simple classic styles and in contours, all with self covered buckles. Following close on the heels of the fake fur belts, these new versions are inclined to be popular. Also important this year, one belt-making firm believes, will be pastel velvet belts which are being shown in all colours, with the accent on pastels.

Straw Belts

Novelties star in the straw belts being shown for spring. Some favourite tricks are looping narrow strips of woven straw through a chain for a belt, and one of these is particularly interesting as it sports tiny little roses at each joint. Another straw belt is braided with shot chain, this in Swiss braid straw.

Butcher rayon and burlap belts are shown in bright colours and pastels. Some have wooden buckles and wooden ornamentation.

ARE RED HEADS BETTER TEMPERED?

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood. RED-HEADS are better-tempered than blondes or brunettes, red-haired Susan Hayward contends. The carrots know they've got two strikes against them before they start.

"I know people who are expecting me to blow off," Miss Hayward said, "and so I go to extremes to hide my temper. If I were a blonde or a brunette, I wouldn't be so careful. And maybe I wouldn't still be in this business either."

"So I often think that perhaps I'm lucky to be a red-head."

That old superstition about a girl's temper matching her hair makes it doubly tough to get ahead in Hollywood, though, Miss Hayward says.

"Everyone thinks we have bad tempers," she said indignantly. "I don't know where they get such ideas. We are judged before we even open our mouths."

Susan admits she flares up occasionally. But no more, she insists, than any other female.

On Probation

"The first day I walked on a movie set I could feel everybody looking at me suspiciously," she said. "I know they were thinking that here's another temperamental so-and-so who's going to be hard to handle."

"I told myself I'd have to conceal any temper at all. I'm practically on probation. I told myself, and one false step will land me back where I started. I was unusually careful that day and I have been ever since. And believe it or not, I get along with directors and producers and other actors remarkably well. I think I believe I actually have a reputation for being rather calm."

Miss Hayward recently signed a long-term contract with 20th Century-Fox and is one of the most popular members of the "Flawless" company, which spent a month on location at Lone Pine, California.

"She's a real trouper," co-star Tyrone Power said of her. "The weather was nearly zero, but she never made a complaint."—United Press.

Keeping Your Hair Lustrous



Lustrous hair is hair that receives regular brushing. To do a good job you need a brush that has firm bristles. Use it nightly without fail.

By HELEN FOLLETT

HAIR that is lustrous and shining gives radiance to the face. If it is lifeless, looks in need of washing and grooming, it casts a shadow upon the feminine man. It is impossible to be too fastidious about the health and loveliness of your hair.

No matter what the colour may be, if the hair is aglow with life and in sufficient abundance it adds greatly to charm and distinction.

Don't fancy that it can get along on its own. Hair is subject to debility, like other parts of the body. It is dependent upon a healthy scalp, which should be neither too dry or too oily and which can be kept in normal state by proper treatment.

Every shaft abides in a papilla that is beneath the surface of the scalp. If the blood surges through the scalp, every shaft receives nourishment. You can help the functions of the life-giving streams by nightly brushing of your hair, and by giving your scalp a brisk, five minute friction.

We have urged these duties on the members of this beauty class before, but we have a notion that all of them do not attend strictly to this pulchritude need. Unless they mend their ways they may be doing a lot of bawling in the future when they find their locks thinning at the temples, and the comb full of hirsute ravellings.

Brush the back of your head from nape to crown, brush from ear to ear. Circle the face from ear to ear, brushing from the scalp to the ends of the hair; this relieves tension at the temples, awakens circulation at these spots where moulting first appears.

Treat a strand at a time. Slip the bristles of the brush on the scalp, sweep through the strand with a rolling motion. This part of the programme will loosen dead scales from the scalp that a thorough shampoo will have away.

Let's Eat
BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Fried Oysters 1900 Style

"AND I like a good oyster stew made with milk as served in New England," I remarked. "What is your favourite oyster dish, Mr. Toquer?"

"I like them raw on-the-half-shell, or plain fried. Not in a thick batter. But just floured and fried in deep fat. I don't even dip them in beaten eggs. Instead I use an ordinary pancake mix which of course, contains dried eggs and dried milk well mixed with salt and flour. I roll the raw oysters in this, then arrange them in three or four layers in a pan, with pancake flour sprinkled over each layer to absorb any extra moisture. I let the oysters stand in a cool place about two hours to dry out. Then they're ready to fry in good hot lard."

Delicate Crust

"Very interesting," observed the Chef.

"Incidentally, fried oysters were a favourite of George Washington," I volunteered. "But his cook dipped them in a thin egg batter, and flavoured it with both mace and nutmeg. I suppose because spices were a luxury in those days. However, at the turn of the century it was fashionable to fry oysters in a very different way. They were first coated with a thick sauce, then crumbed and deep-fried. And for service do luxe they were strung on skewers or brochettes, five to a serving, fried and served with sauce Bechamel."

Spread Eagle Pudding

This is a 1776 version of bread pudding. Remove the crusts from 6 slices of white bread; cut the bread in squares and place in a qt-sized sauce pan. Scald 3 c. milk, fresh or reconstituted evaporated or dried skim milk.

Four over the bread. Add 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, cover and let stand 1 hr. Then add 1/2 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. grated nutmeg, 1/2 c. dried currants and 2 beaten eggs. Stir and transfer to a buttered or margarine 3 pt.-sized baking dish. Bake 45 min., or until brown on top and firm throughout. In a moderate oven, 350 F. Serve warm or cold, with or without cream.

Dinner

Beef and Carrot Soup
Fried Oysters 1900 Style
Creamed Potatoes Lyonnaise
String Beans Vinaigrette with Lettuce

Spread Eagle Pudding 1776 Style
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Fried Oysters, 1900 Style

For 4 persons use 16 large oysters or 20 small oysters. Wash, drain and dry on absorbent paper towels. Then make a thick dipping-sauce and cool it. (Directions follow.) Dip the oysters in, one by one, being careful to cover every part with the sauce. As each oyster is lifted from the sauce, roll it lightly in fine dry bread crumbs. When all have been crumbed, dip them in 1 egg and 1 egg-white, well beaten together. Then roll again in the bread



Swinging into spring with a fashion idea that has set New York talking: the "shortie" or tiny cape, not much more than a collar that highlights a dark frock. This one is made of lamb's wool.

(London Express Service)

SWEET SUGAR



CAROL L. Heinze, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, carries an ancient yoke on her shoulders as she helps to gather maple sap in the woods around Middlebury College, in Middlebury, Vermont. The sweet liquid sugar is poured into buckets of snow and eaten as it hardens.

Red Tape Makes Them Neurotic

A Melbourne psychiatrist believes a "Ministry of Uncomplication" would be the greatest gift any government could give its citizens.

Such a government agency, he explained, designed to "unravel the present complexities of over-government," would do much towards improving health.

"We are over-organising ourselves into a community of neurotics," the psychiatrist said. This was why more than 3,500 Australians have committed suicide since the war.

Overworked psychiatrists throughout Australia are faced with an endless flow of distraught housewives, business men, farmers and professional men. In 1923, there were only two psychiatrists in Melbourne. Today, there are 18.

It is the same story in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and other Australian cities.

The Melbourne psychiatrist gave two major reasons for the present lack of "nerve" among Australians. He said:

1. Today's adult generation are children of World War I parents. Many of their fathers, often improperly treated for shell-shock, were more susceptible to emotional problems which, in turn, were detrimental to their children.

2. Far more barriers against personal freedom exist today. Taken alone, many restrictions were little enough, but it is the cumulative effect which for some creates a hopeless, hedged-in feeling.

He pointed out Australia's ration books, licences for selling, licences for buying, compulsory voting, "Don't Park Here," "Keep to the Left," "Keep Off the Grass," signs.

More Prague Guilty Pleas

Prague, Apr. 20.—All six defendants in one of the biggest public trials since the Communists came to power in Czechoslovakia pleaded guilty today to high treason and spying for the United States.

The last two defendants, Beata Vackova and Karel Loris, pleaded "partial" guilt today.—United Press.

Casino Bouncers Frisk Gamblers For Hidden Bombs

By Robert C. Miller

Saigon, Apr. 20.—There is an added thrill to gambling in this Paris of the Orient: someone may throw a grenade in at any time during the play.

All weapons are checked outside the high-walled enclosure, and husky bouncers frisk the customers for hidden bombs or grenades. A dour Chinese matron probes the ladies as they enter.

Boom In Tortoises As Pets

Britain has a big boom in tortoises. A consignment of 4,000 tortoises which arrived in London recently has already been bought up by pet shops in London and the Provinces. Ten thousand more of them are due to arrive soon.

Animal and reptile importer John Ford, of South East London, who claims to be the sole importer of tortoises in Britain, says tortoises have never before been in such demand. They have always been considered queer creatures and pets of pampered children, but now it is being discovered that they have intelligence.

"A tortoise can be taught to answer to its name very quickly, and it gets to know its owner," says Mr. Ford. "It is very nervous, though, and if a stranger touches it, it goes its head into the shell."

"We find that, although there is little difference between tortoises from South Africa and those from West Africa, the South African is most popular." Recently Cape Town put a ban on the export of tortoises, so more West African tortoises will now be imported into Britain.

Dangor Money

California movie stunt men's wage scales—40 ft fall from a balcony, £30; fall in front of a speeding car, £71; head-on car crash £100.

PIGTAILS & PAINTINGS



NINE-YEAR-OLD Gillian Knight, left, and her sister Susan, seven, are lending a family hand in London. They're carrying these oils by their father, Edwin Knight, to the Royal Academy on "handing-in" day. (Acme)

Gambling is a state-controlled monopoly here and the concession is given annually to the highest bidder. The government's take approximates US\$25,000 daily. Of this, \$20,000 goes to the French Government and \$5,000 to the French-supported Vietnam Government. At present the concession is held by a Chinese corporation on a share basis. Despite the threat of terrorist bombings, the casino is packed every night. One section is an open pavilion which caters to the two-bit players; the other is an ornate, exquisitely furnished night club where five-dollar bets are the usual minimum.

DICE GAME LEADS

The most popular game is the Indo-Chinese equivalent of chuckaluck, using three dice in a black lacquered bowl which is shaken vigorously by the dour Chinese girl operators. Flanking the bowl are the layouts where the bets are placed, either on the total spots, high or low, or the single dice. The players are usually three deep, and the neatly folded plaques are piled in little bundles on the selected numbers.

The operators continuously ring little warning bells, finally in high-pitched voices, cry out "stop" in Vietnamese and the bowl is unrolled and the dice exposed. Pay-offs are made, collections taken in and the bowl again covered and shaken.

Roulette is played with one wheel and two layouts. Six attendants are kept busy regulating the play and distributing chips. The number is covered on every turn of the wheel. The system players are here, too, carefully plotting each winning number. The house obligingly issues charts to help them keep track of the wins.

POOR GAMBLE WAGES

The pavilion gamblers are from Indo-China's poorer classes. The coolies, rickshaw boys, clerks and labourers are habitués. A whole week's wages often will go on a turn of the dice. Gambling suicides are a Government secret, but run unusually high.

Considerable criticism has been heaped on the French and Vietnamese Governments for making gambling accessible to the poorer classes. Business men have been particularly bitter, claiming the Government's desire for revenue has blinded it to the social menace of unregulated gambling. None of the civilian players looked as if he could afford to lose a plaquette.

The casino is a different story. It is reserved for the wealthy who can do squander thousands at the plush tables. Baccarat gets the biggest play, and the belevered women of East and West rather around the curved table, some playing, others watching as their men try to break the bank.

The Chinese croupier wields a big rubber paddle, skillfully sweeping up the discards and making in the last bet. The banker, also Chinese, wears a blazing diamond and a detached Mona Lisa smile as he deals. Not even a streak of bad luck for the house—and a streak here costs thousands—seems to disturb him.

HOUSE GIRLS ENTICE

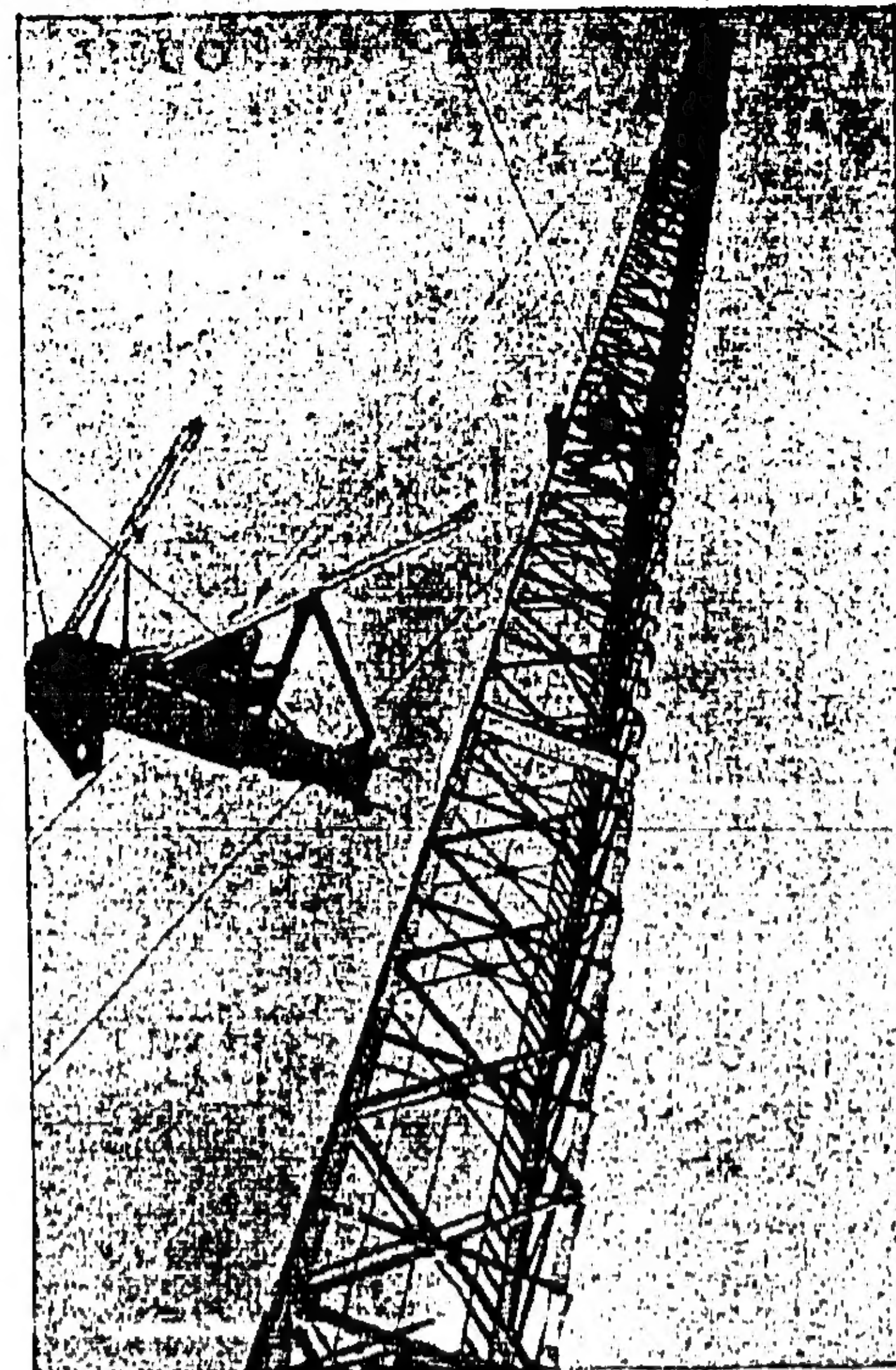
The house girls, wander around enticing play to the less populated tables. In between they serve as taxi dancers in the adjoining cabaret. Their

dress, usually the traditional white pantaloons and split skirt, is a thing of beauty.

Large gas lanterns hang from the ceiling everywhere, for the power situation in Saigon is far from reliable, particularly as the terrorists have a habit of cutting the lines into that part of town they have marked for ransoming.

Government inspectors keep a close check on all tables to insure against any improper dealing. Both the pavilion and the casino have a reputation for honesty. The games have such a high percentage in favour of the house that a fat profit is guaranteed if the tables are filled, and they are every night by all walks of people all determined to do the same thing—get something for nothing. Few of them succeed.—United Press.

U.S. TRANSMITTER



THIS high frequency radio transmitter, capable of ensuring the flow of U.S. Army communications in case of another blockade of the German city, has just been put into operation. The tall, slender steel tower rises some 320 feet above the compound of U.S. Army Headquarters in Berlin. (Acme)

Theatre Children Warned

Parents who are planning theatrical careers for their children are warned that child actresses and actors must be kept "very busy" if they are to retain natural possibilities.

Frankie Thomas, Jr., famed child actor of the 1930s, who rose to stardom in the hit play and movie, "Wednesday Child," warned that success could be "dangerous" for stage and film moppets.

"In the theatre, success can come overnight," he said. "It's difficult for an adult to keep his feet on the ground when it comes, but for a child it's even tougher."

MORE THAN EVER

"Today, there are more children than ever in show business. There are 15 or 20 on Broadway right now. Scores more are on the movie lots. The parents of these children should do everything they can to keep them from becoming swell-headed at their little successes."

"Once a child actor—or any actor—begins to take the good notices too seriously, his work begins to deteriorate." He said a child with an inflated ego would find it difficult to adjust himself to the problems of adult life.

"To stay clear of this danger—which I think is a very serious one for any person going into show business—I think it's necessary to keep busy with studies, sports and other activities," he said.

SANE ATTITUDE

"It is also necessary to have a sane attitude about commendable notices. The child actor should be told that each success is just a minor stepping stone in his career, and that he should forget it and look ahead to other roles and other successes."

Thomas, who is 25, has made 35 movies and appeared in as many Broadway shows since his initial success in "Wednesday's Child." He is now a member of television's "One Man's Family." His mother, whose stage name is Mona Burns, and father are still in show business.

Mrs Thomas played in the four-year run of "Born Yesterday," which closed only recently, while Thomas, Sr., has a television show, "The Black Robe."—United Press.

Attempt To Heal Breach

Athens, Apr. 20.—The new Greek Premier, General Nicholas Plastiras, met Yugoslav's Charge d'Affaires here today in what seemed a move to heal the four-year breach between their nations.

Reports from usually reliable sources indicated that the Premier and M. Ceret Scheyde, the Charge d'Affaires, had discussed the renewal of diplomatic relations, interrupted since 1946.—Reuter.

Australian Navy To Play Bigger Part In Defence Of Pacific

By George McCadden

Melbourne, Apr. 20.—The Royal Australian Navy, which co-operated successfully with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific in the last war, is being reorganised to meet changed conditions. The Navy said three major steps have been taken:

1. Introduction of naval aviation.

2. Two modern battle class destroyers have been launched in Australian dockyards.

3. Three British submarines will be based in Sydney to permit RAN ships and crews to obtain regular anti-submarine training. Two of the submarines, HMS Telemachus and HMS Thorough, are already on the job.

Although none of Australia's armed forces is numerically larger in comparison with bigger nations, they are growing, all have extensive battle experience and they are the most important forces in the Pacific except those of the USA or Russia.

ALLIANCE PROPOSED

Also, the Australian forces can make the most significant contribution to a Pacific and Communist military alliance as proposed by Australia's External Affairs Minister, Mr. Percy C. Spender.

Under the Anzac postwar defence agreement, Australian and New Zealand military and naval forces work closely together. Naval units of the two countries were conducting joint exercises in New Zealand waters when Spender announced his Pacific pact proposal.

The rebuilding of the Australian Navy began under the Labour regime of former Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley, which obtained Australia's first aircraft carrier from Britain. Similarly, the Labour administration of Peter Fraser in New Zealand looked to the ramshackle long before its defeat last November, after 14 years of power. Conservative successor regimes in both countries are carrying on these policies and expanding them.

CONDITIONS CHANGED

A naval spokesman said that the RAN's expansion since 1945 "has been based upon a postwar defence policy determined partly by changed world conditions and partly by a recognition of the fact that Australia no longer can rely as much as formerly upon Great Britain and her allies for her security; and partly by a growing national spirit which makes too great a dependence upon other countries distasteful to her."

"The people of Australia now feel that even though they lack sufficient numbers and resources to defend themselves alone against any heavy or prolonged attack, it is, nevertheless, their duty to make a more adequate contribution towards their own defence and that of the British Commonwealth and other peace-loving nations as a whole," he said.

The aim of the RAN is to become "a balanced and effective striking force capable, in any future hostilities, of operating by itself or in company with the forces of other parts of the British Commonwealth or its allies."

The first of two RAN carriers, HMSAS Sydney, a modern light fleet carrier of the Majestic class, arrived in Australia in May 1949. HMSAS Melbourne is due in 1952.

Australia's present naval personnel has dropped from a 1945 war-time figure of 39,000 officers and men to less than 10,000. The enlistment target is 14,763 but response has been insufficient.—United Press.

RAINMAKER



JEANNE Carmen, great-granddaughter of a Comanche chieftain, is now in New York to see what she can do to bring rain to the drying reservoirs. But her method remains an old Indian secret.—(Acme).

EGYPTIANS AT NUMBER 10

London, Apr. 20.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today entertained the Egyptian Parliamentary delegation to lunch at No 10 Downing Street. The nine-man delegation is visiting Britain at the invitation of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. The delegation arrived here yesterday and will fly back to Cairo on April 26.—Reuter.

Adjournment In New Delhi

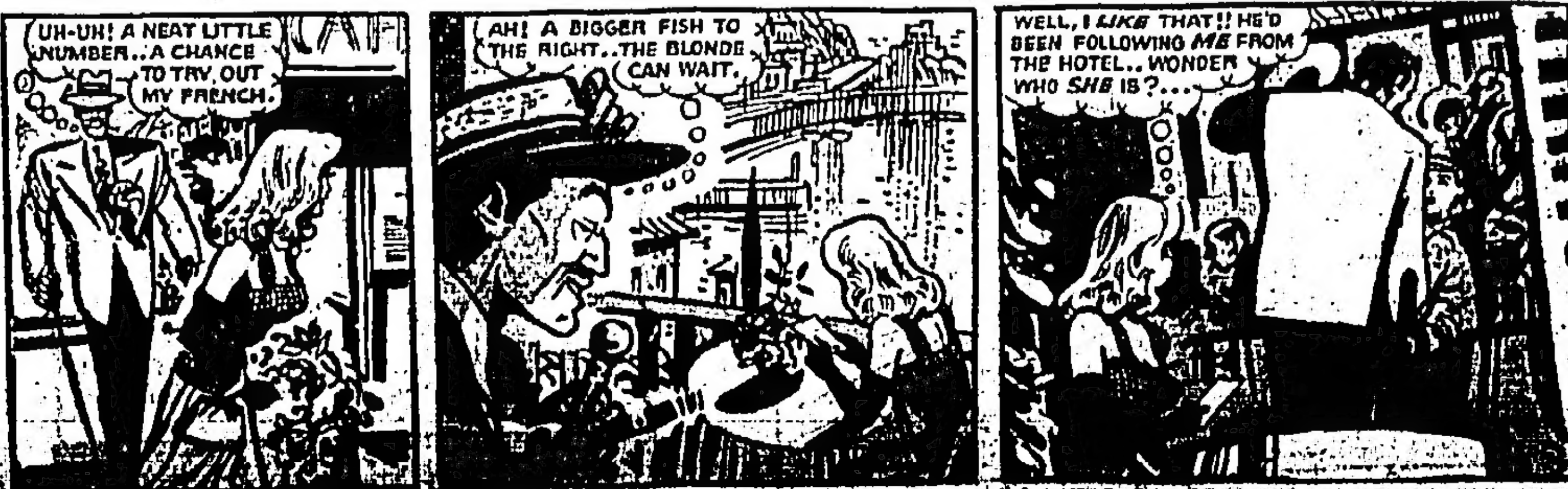
New Delhi, Apr. 20.—India's Parliament ended its three-month budget session today and adjourned indefinitely. This was Parliament's first session since the inauguration of the Republic in January.—Reuter.

IN HIS FASHION



SPORTING a ten-gallon hat and high-heeled boots, 65-year-old Herb Allen waves from his motorcycle as he prepares to follow the hounds on a fox hunt at Melton Mowbray, Eng. Born in England, Allen spent most of his life in U.S. as a cowpuncher in Utah. Now retired and back in England, he has just come away from horses, as he jobs the hunt in this manner. (Acme)

K. O. CANNON . . . THIS WEEK—A NEW ADVENTURE WITH WHISPER



New Princess Elizabeth Nobody Knows

By HELEN CATHCART

Twenty-four has been called the maturity of youth and the youth of maturity. Many psychologists assert that it is the age at which an average person is no longer moulded by upbringing or circumstances but finds a true pattern of personality. . . . and Princess Elizabeth is 24 today.

Over-lapping the familiar portrait of wife, young mother and future Queen, a new Princess is emerging, a radiant and beautiful Princess, a crown of womanhood. Of late a floodlight of penetrating candour has been turned on the Princess's early years. Yet our new Princess Elizabeth of today is surprisingly little known.

Six hundred guests admired the brilliant poise of her Thanksgiving Fund speech at the London Guildhall and a rarely noticed her youthful found it strange that she nervousness, so expertly camouflaged. Few people are aware of her regular morning calls on Queen Mary at Marlborough House, or the way she quietly slips through the crowds to family lunch at Buckingham Palace, sometimes giving her police guard, Inspector Usher, a few anxious moments.

Through the King sometimes takes movie shots, no cameras men watch her week-end fun with her toddler in the grounds of Royal Lodge, Windsor. A little knot of sightseers usually clusters at the gates of Clarence House. On Monday Lightbody's afternoon off, I often think how surprised they would be to see Princess Elizabeth herself pushing a pram on the other side of the high garden wall.



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First Time

For the first time, in fact, Princess Elizabeth is evading Years ago the letters she received much of the limelight and contented leading a quiet and contented private life of her own. Last year there were signs that her programme of engagements had become overcrowded, and comments were made that the Princess looked tired and often seemed over-strained.

And who could wonder? Two major tours in a fortnight, 10 or 12 engagements in as many hours, all night travel, rarely a full 24 hours off-duty. . . . this was her appointed round. Her Royal Highness had made her declaration of dedication to public service and was taxing her strength with self-discipline. Sometimes her secretary would arrive in the morning to find that she had put in an hour or so after midnight, making notes in answer to correspondence.

Fortunately the dangers of strain were apparent and her advisers gradually encouraged her to take things easy. The fierce floodlight of publicity was gently relaxed. Recently the Princess has even visited two or three plays with her mother strictly incognito, and theatre publicists have been asked to dispense with self-displays and news fanfares that commonly accompany royal theatre-going.

Once A Week

Once a week, too, she usually accompanies Princess Margaret and a few chosen friends to a special movie show at Sir Alexander Korda's private film theatre at 146 Piccadilly. In this way, HRRH keeps abreast of the latest pictures even before they are shown to the professional critics.

"I like to make up my mind about a film and then compare my opinion with theirs," she once commented. And friends say that her opinion is as good as the professional best.

Socially the Princess has also led a more normal life in the past few months. Without the glare of embarrassing publicity, she is sometimes drops in to tea at days, a special "Princess" her friend Mary Fitzalan-Elphinstone's fund comes into Howard's maisonette in Green Street, Mayfair, and I believe dog over a sally.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HER HUSBAND'S DEATH SHE SPEAKS OF THE FUTURE: 'WORK, YES... BUT WITHOUT THE TROUBLE OF POSHING MYSELF UP ANY MORE...'

THE recording studio was in a mews off Oxford Street. I wondered how the central character would be standing up to the strain of putting two programmes "in the can" every day.

The red light was already on. . . . A middle-aged woman, in a black silk blouse with long sleeves, no jewellery, and a black skirt, got up from a seat in the corner, and walked towards the mike.

Billy Tennent and his band were playing "Kingdom Come."

She moistened her lips, and cleared her throat. There were two deep lines on either side of her mouth, but her hair stood up from her forehead, in the old triumphant way. She peered at her script, through horn-rimmed glasses, as her cue came.



The Philosophy of Gracie Fields

by GODFREY WINN

"All set to go, Gracie?"

She went. First into one of those Lancashire stories that don't sound funny when anyone else tells them. Then into a number entitled: "I'm one of the little orphans of the storm." It was the old familiar line, and she was coddling with her voice, in the old cart-wheeling style.

Then suddenly the surprise came. "Now I will sing for you 'O my Beloved Father; by Puccini.' The impact was startling. I told myself it was because I hadn't heard this lovely thing sung in English before. But it wasn't that. She sang the 'final words, 'Father, I pray... Father, I pray...' in a way that you don't expect even from a great artist, in a broadcasting studio.

Harry Alan Towers, the young radio impresario, whispered at my side: "She chose all the songs herself at Christmas. I urged her to change anything she liked. I mean after she happened, but she wouldn't. She said she'd have to change them all because of the words, or because they were the special ones he liked her to sing."

Smile for all

INSTEAD, they were changing the recording disc. Then the red light went on again, and the star sailed into her final medley, "Charmaine," "Blue Heaven," and "When I grow too old to dream, I'll have you to remember."

When I congratulated her, Gracie smiled her old wide, brimming smile. "I'll tell you the secret, luv. I've had the Puccini put down a tone. I have to do any screaming. My, but I want a cup of tea. Coming?"

She tied a black scarf round her hair, and we came out into the mews. On the cobblestones, her low-heeled shoes made a sound almost like clogs.

Without any effort, she smiled at everyone we passed, as though they were neighbours in their own home town. There were three old workmen, in cloth caps, and tattoo marks on their heavy arms. They shouted something after her, and she turned back. "Oh, lads?" She repeated their greeting, "Pleasant dreams."

All at once

"WHAT'S" why I can't bear it for anyone to get maulin, or pity me, I don't want any fuss. Why, I keep on telling myself to think of the Truicent widows. I make myself remember, too, all the other women who have to go through the whole of life never having the good fortune to be loved by any man. And I had ten whole years. So what have I to complain about?"

"Did you fall in love with him straightaway?" I asked.

"No, neither of us did. We often used to laugh about it, afterwards. He came down to see me at Peacehaven one week-end. He wanted to direct my new film, and I wanted a new film director, but all the same, if I didn't glamourise myself, down there, for my mother and dad, I wasn't going to for Monty Banks.

"So I looked an awful sight, no make-up, and my hair wanted doing. And I thought he talked too much anyway. But once I saw him on the set, it was different at once. He really knew about films. I wanted to put myself in his hands then. I suddenly trusted him. And the rest just happened.

Stronger today

HER shoulders slumped for a moment then, but she walked on. "After my operation," she suddenly said, "they told me not to work for two months. They started after two months. They told me I'd be sorry, but I never have been. And I'm feeling stronger today than I ever did."

Her voice said strongly: "So don't feel sorry for me, because I've started to work once again, within two months." But she could not make herself say it outright. She turned her head towards the shop windows. "I had some black blouses," she went on "but no proper black outfit. Mario, hated me wearing black. This skirt was scarlet. Mario liked me to wear it all the time in Capri. It was the first thing I put my hand on. I had it dyed."

We had reached Harley-street. It is here that Gracie always stays in London now, with her great friends, Mr and Mrs Davey. There was a cup of tea ready in no time, but Gracie would not eat anything.

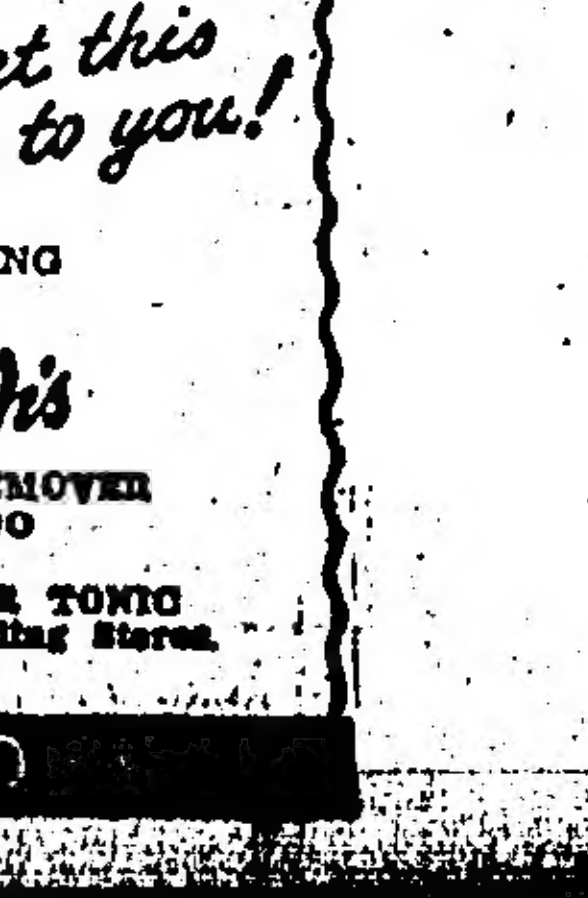
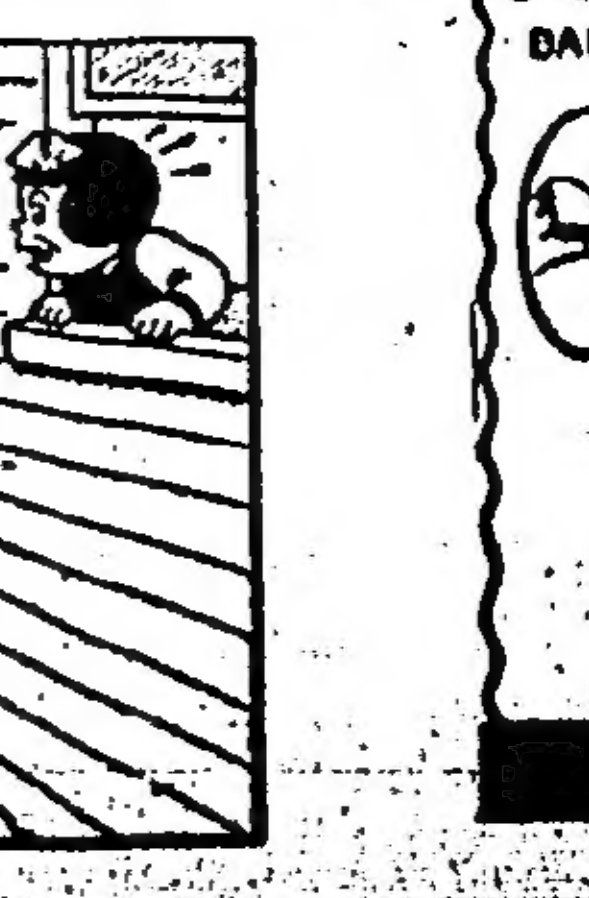
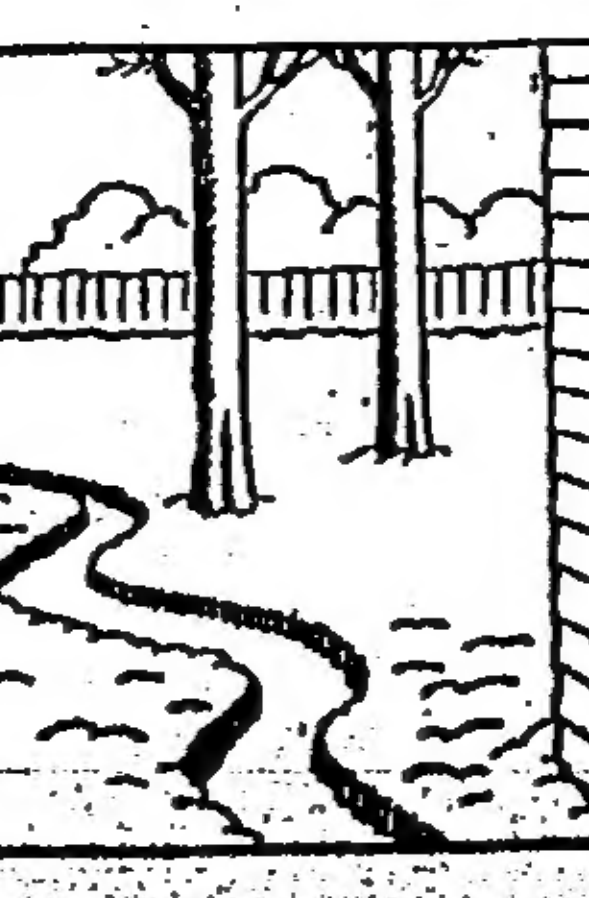
Happiest time

"WHAT" was the happiest memory of all the time we were together? I think it was rather, from the stars, and I the last year of the war. We noticed something else. She seemed to find it difficult to settle down at once on the sofa, though she needed to sit.

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ROXY NEXT CHANGE



CHURCHILL CHIDES AS SHINWELL PRAISES WEST UNION

London, Apr. 20.—The Defence Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, said in Parliament today that Western Union was a "constructive and essentially a pacific conception and not merely a military alliance."

He was stressing the importance of the social and cultural matters discussed at the eighth meeting of the Consultative Council of the Brussels Treaty Powers held at Brussels on Sunday and Monday.

Mr Winston Churchill, the Conservative leader, suggested that Mr Shinwell should not have used the word "merely" in referring to the military alliance.

"It seems to me—I will not say disparaging—but an inadequate term to use," he said.

Mr Shinwell replied that the Government wished to make abundantly clear that the conception underlying the Western Union defence organisation, and the Brussels Treaty in particular, was not merely a military one but had regard to social considerations also.

He said the Council discussed such matters as social security, public health, assistance, war pensions and the rehabilitation of the disabled.

"He had it fully in mind that the maintenance of economic stability was a first priority in the defence of the Western world," he said.

Specific defence projects before the Council, he added, included the preparation of headquarters, the installation of signals communication, the development of certain airfields and air navigational aids.

VITAL PRINCIPLE

Mr Shinwell said he had made it clear that Britain accepts the principle that she must be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of such projects as were clearly shown to be of common advantage to the five powers and to be of high military priority.

"We regard this principle, which was accepted by all the meeting, as vital," he declared.

But he added: "On behalf of the British Government I had, however, to make plain to our Allies that any such contribution could only be found at the expense of some other projected expenditure in our current defence budget."

He could not be precise at this stage about the nature of the

adjustments that might be required until an examination of the military expenditure had been completed, he added.

NO DUPLICATION

In further discussion of defence problems, the Council took steps to ensure that there was no duplication in the defence planning under the Brussels Treaty with the work being done under the North Atlantic Treaty, he said.

To this end, all information would be made available to the Standing Group in Washington with an invitation that it should propose any urgently desirable modifications of existing Western Union plans.

Mr Churchill commented that he did not feel much wiser after hearing the Minister's statement.

Amid laughter, he added: "We will, however, study it and try to see what meaning, if any, can be extracted."

Replying to a question, Mr Shinwell said the Council considered the desirability of co-ordinating or associating the Brussels Treaty defence organisation with the North Atlantic organisation.—Reuter.

Belgian Crisis Compromise

Brussels, Apr. 20.—Social Christian (Catholic) members of the Belgian Parliament today said that they would vote in favour of a bill designed to allow King Leopold to temporarily delegate his prerogatives to his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin.

This compromise solution to the nation's five-year-old constitutional deadlock was proposed by the King himself in a message broadcast to the Belgian people at the end of last week.

Following a meeting of the Catholic Parliamentarians today a communiqué announced that "to permit a Government to be formed whose programme would be based on the King's message"

Catholic members of both Houses would "adhere, on the legislative plane, to a solution respecting constitutional principles which would allow Prince Baudouin temporarily to exercise the prerogatives of the Crown."

The Catholic decision is expected to greatly facilitate the Cabinet-forming mission of the Premier-designate, M. Paul Van Zeeland.

A Catholic spokesman said today, "We are more than half way across the way to a solution to our Royal problem."

Under some last minute hitch occurs in the three-Party talks, the formation of a new Catholic-Liberal coalition is a matter of hours, the same spokesman added.

M. Van Zeeland is to report to Prince Charles, the Belgian Ruler tomorrow on his Cabinet-forming mission.—Reuter.

Anti-T.B. Association Donations

Donations received (and acknowledged) since 1st January, 1950: \$7,705.00; Mr Wong Sik Kuen \$2,500.00 (second donation); The Insurance Co. of North America \$500.00; Hongkong Tramways Ltd. \$500.00; Total to April 19th, 1950 \$11,205.00.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I plowed under that nature boy of mine. Wait'll you see the new flutter chum—he really vibrates me!"

Stately Home Open to Public



Blenheim Palace, the stately Oxfordshire home of the Duke of Marlborough, was opened to the public this month. Thus the Duke is following the examples of a number of Britain's nobility in throwing open their ancestral homes to the public on payment which will go towards their upkeep.

LYTTLETON LAMBASTS:

"Britain's debts have hardly changed at all"

London, Apr. 20.—Mr Oliver Lyttleton, Conservative war-time Minister of Production, resuming the debate on the Budget in the House of Commons today, said he thought that Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had devoted too little time in his Budget speech to Sterling balances.

In 1949, he said, the overall figure of Sterling balances and debts Britain owed overseas had hardly changed at all. They stood at £3,344,000,000 at the end of 1949—a reduction of only £15,000,000 on 1948.

How long would Sterling Area countries be allowed to build up Sterling balances on that scale? he asked.

Much of the increase in the unrestricted balances was due to the actions of countries such as Australia, which was popularly supposed to have more than £400,000,000 at its disposal in London, he said.

"It is certain," he declared, "that the accumulation of Sterling on this scale must be stopped. One day those who have accumulated it will want to be paid over in cash or goods."

JAP COMPETITION

Mr Lyttleton also stressed growing German and Japanese competition.

He said he understood that German manufacturers had secured a contract in Turkey at about 42 percent of the lowest prices quoted elsewhere.

He understood that in Pakistan Japanese machinery was being offered at from 30 to 40 percent below British prices.

The first Government speaker today, Mr Harold Wilson, President of the House of Trade, confined himself to commercial matters.

He agreed that "the powerful growth of German and Japanese competition is making itself felt" and said that British industry was going to meet all its resistance, inventiveness and skill to succeed in this fight.

THE CORNERSTONE

Mr Wilson said he "profoundly believed" that the fullest development of trade within the British Commonwealth must be the cornerstone for Britain's economic recovery.

British exports to the Commonwealth had increased from 43 percent of her total exports in the immediate post-war years to 51 percent in 1949.

That had enabled Britain to pay not only for a considerable proportion of her imported goods, but make a great contribution to capital development, especially in the Commonwealth, he said.

Imports from the Commonwealth had increased from 30 percent in the five pre-war years to 45 percent last year.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

11.00. "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.00. Children's Hour—4.00. "Toy Town"—2.00. (H.K.T.S.) 6.30. Cantonese by Radio—Given by Miss Lee Wei Lan. 7.15. Weather Report. World News and Home News from Britain. (Studio) 8.00. "Three Songs by Tong Martin." 7.00. "Music Lovers' Hour"—Classical and Light Classical—Presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio) 8.00. World News and News Analysis. (London Relay) 8.15. Studio News. 8.30. Interlude: 8.40. "Services Quia"—Introduced by Kenneth Mackenzie. (Studio) 9.00. "From the Editorials." (London Relay) 9.10. Weather Report. 9.11. Salon Concert Players.—With Max Hollander. 9.20. "Far from the Madding Crowd"—A West-end Comedy by Thomas Hardy. Dramatised by Desmond Hawkins. (Episode 7) "Fanny Robin's Revenge." (H.K.T.S.) 10.00. "Composer of the Week"—Puccini. 10.15. "The Me Kate"—Excerpts from the Broadway Production Composed by Cole Porter. 10.30. Dance to Glenn Miller and His Orchestra. 11.00. Radio News Net. (London Relay) 11.15. Weather Report. World News and Home News from Britain. (Recorded Relay) 11.30. "God Save the King." 11.30. Close.—Down.

A Rainmaker's Patience

New York, Apr. 20.—New York's official rain-maker, \$100-a-day Dr. Wallace E. Howell, today abandoned a fourth attempt to make the slides drip for the benefit of the city's depleted reservoirs.

He took off with 150 pounds of dry ice—but 20 minutes later he was back on the ground again because the plane was unable to fly above the high clouds.

Two of his previous attempts were foiled by unfavourable weather. A third was followed by some unreasonable snow.—Reuter.

Bomb in another U.S. legation

Beirut, Apr. 20.—The authorities believe that the same group of terrorists, possibly Communists, engineered the bomb attack on the United States Legation here and in neighbouring Syria. It was learned today. The incidents occurred almost simultaneously on Tuesday night.

An American Marine was injured slightly in the Damascus bombing. In Beirut, a hand-grenade tossed to the Legation exploded without causing damage. The authorities in Damascus blamed the Communists for the incident there.

However, some quarters here speculated that it might have been the work of the extremist Moslem Brotherhood. They said members of the Brotherhood might have taken violent measures to show their support for a Syrian official's recent statement that he would prefer to see the Arab nations become Soviet states rather than see the U.S. control the Middle East.—United Press.

Acheson Speech Forecast

Washington, Apr. 20.—The American State Department announced today that the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, would make a "major speech on foreign policy" in Washington on Saturday night.

Mr Acheson will speak at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.—Reuter.

Hanoi Peril

Paris, Apr. 20.—Hanoi, in Northern Vietnam, has had 241 cases of infantile paralysis in the last six weeks, the French news agency reported today.—Reuter.

SORENSEN MOVES:

Abolition of corporal punishment in Colonies

Our Own Correspondent

London, Apr. 20.—The eventual abolition of corporal punishment in all Colonial Territories is being sought by the Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Reginald Sorensen. He is the man who some years ago was instrumental in securing the abolition of such a form of punishment in the Colonial armies.

On April 20 he will ask the Colonial Secretary, Mr James Griffiths, why there is such a wide disparity in the Colonies in the circumstances in which corporal punishment can or cannot be inflicted; if he will inquire why this disparity exists, and if he will seek general abolition of this form of punishment.

Mr Griffiths will also be asked what are the general views of the native authorities on this matter and, pending abolition, whether power to inflict corporal punishment will be reserved only for the higher courts.

GENERAL STANDARD

Today Mr Sorensen told me that he was anxious to secure a common procedure and obtain a general standard for all Colonial territories.

"At the moment there are certain Colonies where corporal punishment can be inflicted and certain Colonies where it cannot be," he said. "That doesn't seem right to me. I would like to see it completely abolished. I know there are different social conditions in different Colonial territories, but corporal punishment has been abolished here and I don't see why it should not be in the Colonies. I am certain some alternative form of punishment could be evolved."

"Stalin wants to conquer U.S."

Washington, Apr. 20.—The former Communist leader, Louis Budenz, swore today that Owen Lattimore was a member of the Soviet spy cell and he asked for two weeks' time to produce documentary evidence to prove this.

Mr Budenz also said that, if given time, he could present "documentary evidence" that Marshal Josef Stalin of Soviet Russia had "an iron determination to conquer the United States."

Mr Budenz acknowledged that he did not know Mr Lattimore personally. He based his accusation principally on the 1937 meeting of Communist Party leaders in New York at which, he said, Mr Lattimore was assigned the mission of promoting the Chinese Communist cause. Mr Budenz attended the meeting, but Mr Lattimore did not.

He added that Earl Browder, then secretary of the Communist Party, attended the 1937 Politburo meeting and "commended" Mr Lattimore for "plucking Communist writers" on the Institute of Pacific Relations' magazine, "Pacific Affairs," which Mr Lattimore edited.

Edward Morgan, chief counsel for the investigating sub-committee, asked Mr Budenz if he could support Senator Mc-

Carthy's statement that Mr Lattimore was Russia's top spy.

"Well, to my knowledge, that statement technically is not accurate," replied Mr Budenz. "From my own knowledge, I would not say he was a top Soviet agent."

Rumanian Expropriation

Bucharest, Apr. 20.—Rumania today nationalised all fixed property owned by rural landowners, bankers, big commercial concerns and other "elements of the bourgeoisie."

The decree operates at once. The new measure brings under State ownership the last remaining property of any consequence in Rumania. The only classes all unaffected by nationalisation are artisans, small traders and members of some professions such as doctors, engineers, architects and small proprietors.

There will be no compensation for property taken over.—Reuter.

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The Cup Final:

LIVERPOOL SUPPORTERS
THINK THEIR TEAM CAN
WORK THE HAT TRICK

BY PETER DITTON

Liverpool will go to Wembley with a great psychological advantage. Twice this season they have met Arsenal in the League and twice they have won. Arsenal fans might refer to the old saying about "third time lucky" but Liverpool supporters will tell you that their team can administer the hat-trick.

Unlike Arsenal, Liverpool can also boast of one player who is a recognised match-winner. He is Billy Liddell, their outside-left, who has recently been honoured by the Scottish selectors.

Liverpool fans have lost count of the number of times a Liddell goal has enabled their team to pick up both points in a vital League match. And his tally of 18 goals from the wing, has only been bettered, at the time of writing, by Charlie Mitten of Manchester United.

Naturally Arsenal are not unaware of Liddell's goal-getting abilities. Both Laurie Scott and Alex Forbes will keep a wary eye upon the Liverpool flyer. Their job will be to see that the ball does not reach him but if Liddell should escape their

attentions they will have little or no chance of catching him. If he is away and that is where the chief danger to Arsenal will lie.

ATTACK ONLY

But this game could be decided long before the teams reach Wembley. Liverpool hold the key. If they make up their minds to play attacking football they will be more than half way to winning the Cup. They cannot afford to make the same mistake as Chelsea.

If they establish an early lead they will be ill advised to fall back on defence. Arsenal may not have a great ball-playing forward line but they are all great tries—as Chelsea found to their cost.

To their credit, Liverpool are not naturally a defensive team. And I feel that if they gain the advantage of an early goal the

match will be as good as over. Their half-backs, Taylor, Jones and Hughes, are all strong attacking players and they can control the course of the game. Their aim should be to keep Joe Mercer, Arsenal's architect-in-chief, on the defensive.

And if they can succeed in doing this there will be sufficient space in mid-field for their own inside-forwards, Fagan, Stubbins and Baron, to see that Arsenal never gain the initiative.

It is a match full of interesting possibilities. On the face of it Liverpool should be comfortable winners. They have a great advantage in age over Arsenal and the longer the game progresses should become. But don't forget that no team has won the League Championship and the FA Cup in the same season for over fifty years. Liverpool are in a position to bring off the "double"—but the extra strain involved may well tell upon them at Wembley.

—(London Express Service)

Callover On
The 2,000
GuineasKen Wharton
Wins The
Tulip Rally

Zandvoort, Holland, Apr. 20.—The British driver, Ken Wharton, won the Tulip Rally for the second year in succession here today. Wharton, who was driving in a Ford with J. F. Landgreave and J. Dorsett, was placed first in the general classification and was also the winner of Class 1 for cars of 1,500-cc or over.

Peter and Jack Reece, of Britain, driving a Ford Anglia, won Class 2 for cars of 1,100-cc to 1,500-cc. J. Kriesel, of Holland, in a Renault, won Class 3 for cars of 750-cc to 1,100-cc, and Van Der Loos and Ounk of Holland, driving a Fiat, took Class 4 for cars up to 750-cc.

A British team of Mrs Cooke, Mrs. Ibach and Mrs. Watson won the Coupe des Dames in another Ford.

Of the 277 teams which started in the rally, 188 finished the course, 64 of them without loss of marks.

Today the eliminating tests for the cars with clean sheets were held on the Zandvoort Circuit.—Reuter.

BACK SEAT



French ski star Denise Begot admires Uno Sjoegard's plan for taking his baby along when he goes out skiing in Stockholm, Sweden. Little Inga-Lill looks perfectly warm and happy in her white fur coat and hat, and as long as she's satisfied, well, that's the important thing.

QUOTATIONS

Prices on the Two Thousand Guineas were:
2 to 1 Masked Light.
7 to 2 Prince Simon.
11 to 2 Palestine.
10 to 1 Cardanil II.
100 to 9 The Golden Road.
100 to 6 Welsh View.
25 to 1 Emperor II.
33 to 1 any others.—Reuter.

SCRATCHED

Paris, Apr. 20.—Although acceptance has been made in the Thousand Guineas to be run at Newmarket next week for the French filly Hero the Second, her trainer, Harry Harper, said today that she will not run.—Reuter.

CHANGED DATES

London, Apr. 20.—Today's Racing Calendar states that next year's Epsom summer fixture and the Royal Ascot meeting have been brought forward and will be run a week earlier than originally arranged. Epsom will have racing from May 29 to June 1 instead of June 5 to 8 and the Derby will be run on Wednesday, May 30, Ascot's Royal meeting will be from June 12 to June 15, instead of June 19 to June 22.—Reuter.

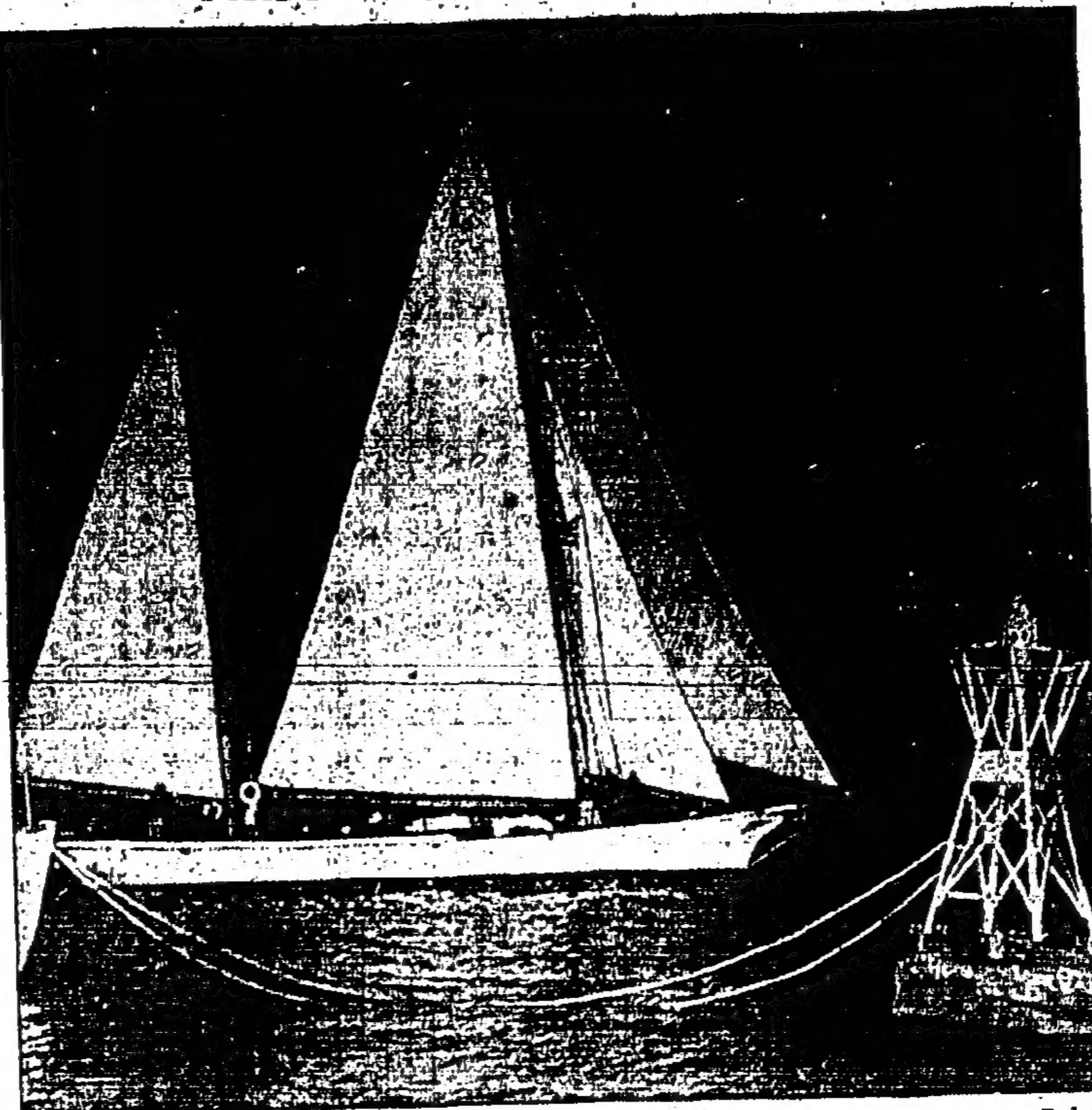
Peru Withdraws

London, Apr. 20.—Peru has withdrawn from the 1950 Davis Cup competition, according to an official announcement by the British Lawn Tennis Association. Peru was to have met the Philippines in the second round of the European zone, having received a first round bye.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Apr. 20.—Watford beat Bristol City 2-0 in a Third Division (Southern) football match today while Brighton and Hove drew two-all with the Army in a friendly football game.—Reuter.

FIRST IN FROM FLORIDA



Crossing the finish line of the 17th annual St Petersburg, Fla.-Havana, Cuba, Yacht Race is the winner, Itace. The 284-mile race was sailed by Dr Hub Isaacks of Fort Worth, Tex.

Last Stronghold Of
Racial Bias In U.S.
Sport Admits Defeat

BY CORNELIUS RYAN

New York.—The American Bowling Congress, last major stronghold of racial bias in USA sports, has tacitly admitted defeat in its efforts to retain its "colour line."

The ABC is absolute master of all tournament and league bowling in America. It is possible to bowl, of course, without being a member of the ABC, but a man cannot belong to any regular-season league unless he is a member, and he cannot participate in the ABC championship tournament without membership.

And bowling alley proprietors, however sympathetic they may be to racial equality, have found it poor business to encourage independent leagues or tournaments.

But the ABC limits its membership to "individuals of the white male sex." Not only Negroes, but Orientals, Filipinos, American Indians and all other non-whites whether or not they are USA citizens, are barred.

LONG BATTLE

Two years ago the anti-discrimination forces began to strike hard at the ABC. The national tournament at Detroit was bitterly attacked by civic and labour leaders, and the same thing happened in 1949 at Atlantic City.

Then the forces of bias moved their attack to an area where the ABC proved vulnerable—the courts of law.

The ABC had dawdled, promised and done nothing after the protests at Detroit and Atlantic City, and so Illinois State's Attorney filed suit to revoke the state charter of the ABC.

The ABC far from being embarrassed, loudly defended its policy of bigotry. E. H. Baumgarten, national secretary, said that "if our members are denied the right to set their own membership requirements the very foundation of the American way of life will be jeopardized."

NEW YORK JOINS IN

But then the State of New York filed to enjoin the ABC from activity, and next the State of Wisconsin sought an injunction to stop ABC bowling until it quits its race bias.

Then Harold Burt of Columbus, Ohio, asked an Ohio court to restrain the ABC from holding its 1950 National tournament. The Wisconsin and Ohio suits were especially demoralizing to the ABC, since its headquarters are in Wisconsin. Faced with this determined array, the ABC began to wilt.

Attorney General J. A. Burnquist of the State of Minnesota said he will start legal action against the ABC unless it drops its bias, and that he has been told by ABC officials that "it is

their opinion" that the restrictive clause will be dropped during the next national convention.

Oddly enough, when the ABC was founded in 1895 it had no such bias, but 21 years later the colour bar was written into the rules.—United Press.

Italian Tennis
Championships
Continue

Rome, Apr. 20.—Britain's two representatives in the Men's Singles of the Italian International Lawn Tennis Championships, Tony Mottram and Geoff Parish, were both eliminated by Italians when the matches were continued today.

In their third round matches, Mottram, Britain's No. 1, lost to the Italian Davis Cup player, Rolando Del Bello, by 4-6, 2-6, 3-6, while Parish was beaten by Piergiorgio Canaleby 1-6, 0-4, 0-6, 2-6, 7-9.

Other notable results today were: Women's Singles (Third Round) Mrs Jean Walker (Britain) beat Miss Bibi Gulbrandsen (Sweden) by 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

Mrs Betty Hilton (Britain) beat Miss Lucia Manfredi (Italy) 9-7, 6-2.

Miss Gussie Moran (United States) beat Miss Anne Marie Seghers (France) 7-5, 6-3.

Men's Singles (Third Round) Adrian Quist (Australia) beat Marcello del Bello (Italy) 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Lennart Bergelin (Sweden) beat Jack Harper (Australia) 7-5, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Budrio Parry (United States) beat Lazare Syllanos (Greece) 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

Billy Talbert (United States) beat Milan Matous (Czechoslovakia) 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

Davidson (Sweden) beat Slobodan Pavlovic (Yugoslavia) 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

Women's Doubles Gem Hooshing (Britain) and Annelle Bogset (Italy) beat Violetta Roglietti and Alice Charbonnier (Switzerland) by 6-2 and 6-2.

Mrs Mottram and Jean Curry (Britain) beat Bibi Gulbrandsen (Sweden) and Miss Matous (Czechoslovakia) 6-3 and 6-2.

Mrs Betty Hilton and Kay Davidson (Britain) beat Michele Bouronnais (France) and S. Kazmarine (Italy) 6-1 and 6-0.

Jean Quartier and Jean Walker-Smith (Britain) beat Gertrude Kornfeld (Israel) and Barbra Canadale (Yugoslavia) by 6-1 and 6-1.—Reuter.

ON THE RECORD
TALENT SCOUTS
MAY SOON BE
COMING HERE

A little item catching our eye in an Australian paper points to a curious trend in American collegiate sport. It announces that Peter Mullins, who was sixth in the Decathlon at the last Olympic Games, is to commence his studies shortly at Washington State University at Pullman, Washington.

Mullins is the third Australian Olympic athlete to enrol in an American university, the other two being the new world decathlete, John Marshall, and the former schoolboy star quarter-miler, Morris Carotta.

The time, it seems, is drawing near when all the most promising athletes in the world who are of college age will be snapped up for the big time inter-collegiate competition in the United States.

Talent scouts for the American colleges are going farther and farther afield. They have snapped up two of Ireland's most promising stars, the distance runner, J. J. Barry, and the discus thrower, Conan Clancy, who are now in the colours of Villanova and Notre Dame respectively.

Several Norwegian milers are now at American colleges, among them Alf Holmberg at the University of Tennessee and Kane Vedling at the University of California.

West Indian athletes of promise, as well as some Central Americans, are being taken up at an ever-increasing rate. Two of the fastest quarter-milers in the world, Herb McKenzie and George Rhoden, both were taught how to outrun the world at American colleges, the former at the University of Illinois and the latter at Morgan State College, a college for negro students only at Baltimore, Maryland.

Coloured athletic stars from Jamaica, Trinidad and British Guiana are being snapped up particularly by the small negro colleges, most of which are in the southern states, which find that it puts them right on the map to turn out a winner at the National Collegiate Championships.

Alumni of negro colleges are quite conscious of their alma mater and if they cannot afford the same big money subscribed towards the importation of athletic stars that the big universities can, they will go out of their way to bring a new track star over from the West Indian islands.

Curious enough, despite this trend to import the stars, there seems to be little attraction for negroes from the big state universities up north to come down south. They prefer to compete for institutions like the Universities of Ohio State, Michigan, the NYU and the University of California, with quite a few now at Cornell and in smaller New England colleges.

The day may yet come when the colleges for negroes will send their talent scouts into darkest Africa. When that happens they may come back with a Watutsi warrior who can jump 8 feet odd provided he has an ankhil take-off. It may so happen that the National AAU, with strong views on the classical aspect of standard events, will object.

The Information Section of the British Colonial Office comes through occasionally with news of some meeting in Boon-Boon or Mb'wani on the River where an aged chieftain picks up a spear and throws it 235 feet. Before long, alumni from the University of Tusker or the Xavier College of New Orleans may be going there to investigate.

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standing Nigerian athlete, S. O. Williams, is at Edinburgh University. There are quite a few other African athletes at London University, at Oxford and Cambridge and at other universities in the United Kingdom, but they are not as well known.

The only world known West Indian athlete at a British University is Arthur Wint, who is a member of the London University team. Leslie Laing, another shining light of the last athletic season in Britain, who is a Jamaican, is about to enrol in an American university.

MacDonald Bailey, the Olympic sprinter from Trinidad, settled for some months last year in Iceland where, curiously, he did not find the ice all around him very cold. He returned faster times in Iceland than he has managed in England.

The same did not apply to Lloyd LaBench, the Panamanian finalist in the Olympic sprints—he was third in both—who found that being a student at the University of Wisconsin fairly shivered his timbers. After two winters there he moved off to California and was still there the last time he came up in print.

As the trend to bring in talent from abroad continues in the United States, do not be surprised before long to discover that some of the Japanese "Flying Fish" are enrolling at Ohio State University or at Yale. One of their main problems is learning enough English to sit for the necessary examinations.

A recent visitor to the United States on the invitation of the American National AAU was Mikio Oda, Japanese National Track Coach and former Olympic Champion in the Hop, Step and Jump. The visit may well be a prelude to name Yashioaka, Tanaka and Yamaguchi appearing on Collegiate athletic teams in the United States.

The world today is very much an athlete's world. Let alone tennis stars like Drobny and ice-skaters and ice hockey players finding an ability in some particular sport of the world which to travel from countries behind the Iron Curtain and former German Prisoners of War finding their way into Professional football at home, the South American countries are a steady haven to Baltic javelin throwers, distance runners and footballers.

Before very long now, there may even be a system set up to scout for football stars in a game being played at Moscow, Riga or Kiev. This will almost certainly irritate the Red Army, the NKVD and other Soviet organisations which take great pains to build up their own football teams.

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